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The Director of Central Intelligence

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Item 6 on IAC Agenda for 16 March ("Soviet Ompabilities im Guided Missiles," IAC-D-Sl)

- 1. No facts additional to those appearing in subject document and the memorandum for you from the AD/SI, dated 3 March 1954, are known to this Office. (Copies attached.)
- 2. It is possible that the Service members may raise either or both of the following two points:
 - a. That the SEC should prepare this Estimate - If this point is raised, I recommend that CIA's position be that a comprehensive Estimate on Soviet capabilities in guided missiles must include escocaie, military and related factors which can best be handled by the National Estimates machinery as a whole.
 - b. That this Estimate be prepared by the JIC, particularly since under DCID 3/4, responsibility for intelligence on guided missiles is primarily a responsibility of the Department of Defence - In the event that this point is raised, I suggest that the DCI's position should be that DCID 3/4 allocates primary responsibility for the production of Departmental Intelligence and is not applicable to intelligence problems which assume Matienal Intelligence implications.
- 3. A colleteral matter on which we have only unofficial information but which if true, may condition any proposition to be put forward by the Service members of the LAC is as follows - On 9 March 1954, the Armed Services Policy Council discussed the problem of guided missiles intelligence and requested Mr. (unries (Assistant Secretary of Defense for Research and Development) to prepare a memorandum to the DCI pointing out the diversity of conclusions is existing Estimates and urging a community effort to produce a definitive Estimate for use of plannare at all levels of Covernment. The memorandum was scheduled for Policy Council approval on March 16 but, due to urgency of emother matter, has now been postponed to March 23.

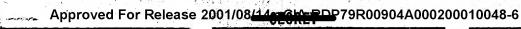
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